INTELLIGENCE PANEL FINDS F.B.I. AND OTHER AGENCIES VIOLATED CITIZENS' RIGHTS

Findings of Senate Panel

Culpability—Government officials at all levels knowingly took part in illegal activities in a decades-long campaign to which Presidents, Cabinet members and members of Congress "clearly contributed." Presidents from Franklin D. Roosevelt onward, and their aides, have requested or accepted from the F.B.I. politically useful information about opponents and critics.

Scope—The F.B.I., C.I.A., I.R.S. Army Intelligence and other agencies created files on more than half a million United States citizens, opened nearly 250,000 pieces of first-class mail, monitored millions of telegrams and overseas telephone calls, listed 26,000 citizens for detention in a national emergency and subjected many private citizens to secret harassment and programs designed to disrupt their lives and destroy their reputations.

Targets—Groups and individuals subjected to the secret intelligence gathering programs were from all parts of the political and social spectrum. At times the intelligence network focused on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Ku Klux Klan, anti-Vietnam war groups, the John Birch Society and the feminist movement. Individual targets included the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Maj. Gen. Edwin Walker, Congressmen, Senators and, at one point, the mail of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Reforms—The committee proposed sharply restricting investigative activities of the Internal Revenue Service and military intelligence. It urged a ban on wiretaps, mail openings and unauthorized entries by the Central Intelligence Agency. All domestic non-criminal intelligence work would be vested in the F.B.I. and monitored by Congress.